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Kneel to the wittiest, bow to the prettiest, and kiss the one you love the best.

Rather a good idea, wasn't it, the old song and the old game? And it's in fashion again—at the new-fashioned, old-fashioned children's parties.

It isn't smart to have dances for children and more, or evening affairs at all. We have gone back to the nice little afternoon party from two till seven with games and some cake and ice cream, and a cup of chocolate or a glass of lemonade, and the funny thing about it is that the children have sense enough to like it. Specially the boys.

No normal boy likes to dance anyway. He has too much trouble falling over his feet, and then—when he steps on the girl's slippers and the girl laughs at him!

But the games of "Drop the Handkerchief" and "Kiss in the Ring", and "Spin the Platter"—oh, yes, those are right in his line!

Just to Tease?

I looked in for a minute at one of the new-fashioned, old-fashioned parties yesterday, and they were playing forfeits as sure as you live! And the wildest kind of an awful boy was sitting in the middle of the room blundering, being the judge! And, just as I came in, he said to the ill-fated lad who stood before him for judgment:

"Kneel to the wittiest, bow to the prettiest, and kiss the one you love the best," and the poor lad started out without an instant's hesitation.

He knew the wittiest, and he knew the prettiest, and he knew he one he loved the best. But did he really kiss her? I couldn't help wondering from a spark of teasing mischief in his eyes I am afraid he didn't. There wasn't a bit of trouble to guess who loved him the best; she was a tall girl in pink, and her blue eyes flashed fire when he kissed the wrong girl—just to tease her.

"The Wittiest"—I didn't think the wittiest girl looked at all pleased.

"The Prettiest" girl bridled and tossed her head, and grew just a little bit vain, and the one he pretended to love the best blushed and sighed and wished—what?

Which Do You Choose?

Poor "Wittiest"—you could tell by looking at her that she would give all her wit just to be called beautiful only once.

Poor "Prettiest"—she's pretty, sure enough, but her beauty is of the frail, girlish sort that will fade before she's twenty-five, and by the time she is thirty it will be hard, for even those who love her, to remember that she ever was called the prettiest anywhere.

And the one he loved the best—Ah, if the love was sure to last and would be true through weal or woe—that would be worth the choosing wouldn't it?

But somehow you never can tell. Love goes by faith and when it will and neither one who loves or wants to be loved can hold it a second longer.

The "Wittiest"—she's the lucky one, after all.

For when the "Prettiest" is faded and love has flown—the wit and the humor of life will be there. And no one who can make a joke or even see one when some one else makes it can ever be very unhappy very long & a time.

I choose to be the "Wittiest"—don't you?

Reliable Recipes

DOUGHNUTS

4 tablespoons butter, 1 cup sugar, 2 eggs, 1 cup potatoes, 1 cup milk, 3 teaspoons baking powder, spices if desired, flour, enough to make soft dough. Cream the butter, add the sugar, the eggs, and the potatoes. Then add the milk, and sift in the dry materials. Turn the dough out on a floured board. Pat and roll into a sheet one-half inch thick. Cut out rings with a doughnut cutter, and fry them in deep hot fat.

POTATO GROSQUETTES

2 cups hot rice potatoes, 2 tablespoons fat, 1-2 teaspoon salt, 3-4 teaspoon celery salt, few grains pepper, yolk of one egg, - teaspoon finely chopped parsley. Mix ingredients in order given and beat thoroughly. Shape, dip in crumbs, egg, and crumbs again. Fry in deep fat and drain on brown unglazed paper. Croquettes are shaped in a variety of forms. The most common way is to first form a smooth ball by rolling one round tablespoon of mixture between the hands. Then roll on board until desired length and flatten ends.

POTATO PUFFS

2 cups mashed potatoes, 1 cup grated cheese, 2 eggs, 1/4 cup milk, 1 teaspoon salt. Add the milk to the potato and beat until thoroughly blended. Add the beaten egg and salt, gradually adding the grated cheese. Bake in greased tins or ramekins in a slow oven.

The New Clothes

Early fall coats of cloth show slight style changes when compared with last season's models.

Pile fabric coats for the coming season are well thought of by several manufacturers.

Capes, capes, capes—the demand is everywhere for these attractive utility garments, which are proving one of the biggest "hits" in a long while.

Tailored suits, made of Oxford, with coats on lines straighter than ever are among the late spring models. Novelty waistcoats, some with collars, are features of these garments.

Rainbow tweed, the new knitted fabric combining two tones and coming in assorted colors, promises to be a close rival of wool jersey in sports suits.

For those who cannot afford the expensive silk suits shown for real warm weather there are linens and others of novelty cottons developed on tailored lines.

Pebble weave two-tone accurately describes one of the fancy cottons being used for the above purpose, such shades as rose, sage blue, black and green being mingled with white.

Dotted swiss and novelty crossbar fabrics are being shown in dainty summer skirts.

Dutch pouch pockets frilled at the top by ribbon drawstrings are also shown on these transparent models.

Camouflaged pockets are now the trick of silk sports skirts, one model introducing this effect by strapping in a certain amount of fullness at either side.

Smart Millinery

USES LINEN

From Maria Guy there is a large wide sided cloche covered in white crepe with a facing of navy crepe; a thick rope of white and navy floss entwined girles the crown and all along the brim edge are large flat flowers made of the white floss with a similar row fashioned of navy floss used on the edge of the underbrim. A very unusual sports hat comes from Tougiet; it is made entirely of Copenhagen blue linen, with stripes of the linen used vertically for the crown like a ribbon, and the tiny flat brim covered in a wide strip of the linen finely pleated with the greater part of the frill standing high about the crown.

NOVEL SCARF AND RIBBON BANDS

The shops in showing the banded sailor, very often show it of the double-banded, hand-made variety, making it most individual by the use of a crushed novelty silk band about the crown in the place of the grosgrain banding. Scarves and novelty ribbons make the most effective crushes, and in almost every case they are patterned in some artistic design. One high crowned sailor has two ribbons used for the crush; one is a king's blue with white embroidered polka dots and the other is a navy blue with slightly larger dots.

FRINGE TRIMMED SAILORS

Some very good looking sailors have solid color silks about the crown with their two ends finished by a deep silk fringe that hangs slightly over the side brim edge. This fringe trimming, which by the way had its inception in one of the smartest houses, bids fair to be very much used for the large drooping hat.

BENEFIT SALE FOR RED CROSS WILL BE MAY 11

Connecticut Froebel Normal School 100 Per Cent. Efficient in Stamp Sale.

SMITH COLLEGE CLUB MEETING

Sacred Heart Auxiliary Entertained Soldiers From Camp Devens.

Under the capable direction of Mrs. Charles F. Williams of 227 Lewis street and Mrs. William Lounsbury of 574 Laurel avenue there is to be given on Saturday afternoon and evening, May 11, a food sale for the benefit of the local chapter of the Red Cross. This is but one of the many ways in which the women of this city are bending every energy toward making a success of the war relief work in this city. For affairs of this kind it is necessary to get a permit from the War Bureau and this was finally obtained through Mrs. H. W. Fleck.

This sale of food and fancy work is to be held at the home of Mrs. Williams on Lewis street, and there will be offered a fine line of cakes of various kinds, all made according to the regulations of the Food Administration, as well as all kinds of breads, including the different sorts of nut breads. There will also be on sale the brand of salted peanuts made by Mrs. Everett Stackpole for which she has acquired an enviable reputation. The public is cordially invited to attend this sale.

The students at the Connecticut Froebel Normal school are very busy engaged in patriotic work. They have a unit of the Girls' Patriotic League the members of which are always on call for the Minute Women and they have rendered no small degree of service in this way. They are also a Thrift Stamp Agency and are fully 100 per cent. efficient in the sale of these stamps. During the week as many of the students as can, go to the headquarters of the Red Cross in the Seaside Institute to work.

The Girls' Patriotic League unit has adopted a French orphan and in addition have made thirty garments for the refugees children. At the present time even before finishing their course at this school five of the girls are teaching. Miss Grace Toms leaves on Monday to teach in Moosup; Miss Dina Rowe is teaching in Hartford; Miss Clara Mary in Broadbrook; Miss Anna Fahey in Darien; and Miss Helen Bowen in Bristol. Commencement plans are being given the attention of the students and these exercises are to be held on June 7.

Miss Sara Willmot was elected president; Miss Rachael Axtell, vice president; Miss Frances Blackford, secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. Katherine Sullivan, counselor, at the annual meeting of the Smith College club held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Sanford Stoddard on Milne street. During the year this club has accomplished a great deal in the way of making garments for the French orphans and these were on exhibition yesterday. Dr. Jane Robins of the Intercollegiate Community Service, made a very interesting address on war work. A social hour followed the conclusion of the business meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Missionary society was held this afternoon with Mrs. Robert S. Booth at her home on George street. "The Laboratory of Christianity" was the subject for the afternoon and the discussion was led by Mrs. Egbert, Mrs. Booth and Miss Logan.

The Junior class of the Normal school gave a very pleasing program last evening for the benefit of the Junior class. It consisted of a farce comedy, "X. Y. Z." and the dramatization of the fairy play of "Hansel and Gretel." George Schafer, head of the Normal department, gave a brief talk and there were instrumental selections by Miss Mildred McCarron, Miss Helen Knablin and Miss Elizabeth Cavanaugh, and vocal selections by Miss Graves.

Through the kindness of the ladies of Sacred Heart Auxiliary of the American Red Cross, the soldiers sent from Camp Devens for the Riker trucks were royally entertained. Much credit is due Miss Nellie Cronan of Atlantic street, who got up the delicious lunch. Sandwiches, cake, fruit, coffee and smokes were served by Miss Cronan, assisted by Mrs. John Lavey, Mrs. Charles O'Neil, Miss May Ryburn, Miss Margaret Merritt, Miss Mary Riley, Mrs. John Hartnett and Miss Anna Donahue. The following evening, (Wednesday), the homes of the following members were opened to "Our Boys": Mrs. John Hartnett, Mrs. William Riley, Mrs. Rose Donahue, Mrs. N. Cronan and Miss Margaret Merritt. Dancing was enjoyed and then a bountiful repast was served. Lunches were also provided for the boys to take with them on their trip back. The boys were most appreciative of the kindness shown to them.

Crochet hook and cotton may be employed to mend the tops of union suits when the ribbon banding has given out. This banding is usually the first thing to go in women's vests and union garments because of the constant tying and untying of the ribbon and the strain on the banding in getting the garment on and off. When the stitches have begun to give way so that the ribbon will not hold neatly clip away all the raveled ends and the unworn banding that remains, and then with a crochet cotton and hook make a new ribbon banding in a loose double or triple crochet stitch.

Neat Breakfast Gown In Cotton Georgette



Here is a simple and pretty breakfast gown in cotton georgette. Buttons and cord supply the ornamentation.

Birthday Bio-Briefs FAMOUS WOMEN.

To Parents and Teachers—Get Your Children to Read This Instructive Daily Feature.

MARY CUTTER.

In the days before the war there was celebrated in the small towns of Lancashire, England, the anniversary of a curious event that took place on May 2, 1759. The celebration was in honor of a young woman, Mary Cutter by name, who, on that day completed a journey of 1,000 miles which she had waged to do in 11,000 hours. She did it in very much less time. It was during the days of heavy betting in England among the men, and the women, too, were not averse to laying wagers. Mary, accordingly, laid a bet with some sports in the neighborhood that she could travel the distance mentioned in the stated time. Everybody ridiculed her. Such speed had never been heard of. Just how she did it history fails to mention, but it is evident that she did it either on horseback or in a coach or both. They had no railroads in those days and motor-cars would have been considered the dreams of the insane. Anyway, Mary completed the journey in a little more than two-thirds of the allotted time and when she returned to her native town the people strewed flowers in her path.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

To polish grained wood soak a flannel in a little linseed oil, rub the wood well, then polish with a dry, soft cloth.

A good sponge is expensive and requires care in using, but if it becomes slimy rub a lemon through it several times in hot water, and it will be quite fresh again.

If a bottle of milk happens to sour it can be used in making cornbread, hot cakes or in many other ways.

Never throw away the fat from poultry. It is the finest kind of shortening for cake making.

When there is a touch of embroidery on the waist it should be echoed on the skirt.

A great fashion feature is the abundance of silk jersey used for trimmings and entire bodices.

Windows that seem dirty will look surprisingly clean if wiped on the inside with a dry cloth.

All bits of fish or meats can be combined with cereals or vegetables for making meat cakes.

Small pieces of toilet soap should be saved. They make a good shampoo soap if melted.

Dry bread can be ground in the meat chopper and used in place of flour in making gingerbread.

The busy mother will find by washing gingham, percales and any shrinkable goods before making that it will save the thread, her nerves and time, as hems will be put in only once.

If your sink drain becomes clogged with grease or dirt, it can be quickly cleaned by putting salt or soda down the drain (dry). Leave a while, then pour scalding water into the drain. If the case is obstinate, repeat. Many a plumber's bill can be saved in this way.

A small piece of red flannel put in the kerosene lamp will keep the oil clear and catch any dirt in the oil.

There is nothing better than olive or sweet oil for the finger nails when they are dry and brittle. And the five minutes occasionally required for treating them is well worth while. Heat the oil if you would make it most effective.

SWEET PEAS, VIOLETS, TULIPS, DAFFODILS, JOHN RECK & SON.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Flora McNeil of 61 Lafayette street, has gone to Florida on a business trip and will be gone about ten days.

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Timberlake welcomed a son recently, born to them in the Bridgeport hospital. They are residing in Canaan, and Mrs. Timberlake was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hatheway of Park avenue.

Mrs. H. W. Fleck and Mrs. Marie Coverdale spoke last evening at a rally of the Minute Women in Milford.

Mrs. Cora Booth of Wood avenue, was the hostess this afternoon for a silver tea given under the auspices of the W. R. C., G. A. R.

Mrs. Samuel Smith of 23 West Liberty street, has gone to Norwich, where she will visit with friends for a few days.

Mrs. Percy Anderson will be the hostess for the usual weekly tea at the Brooklawn Country Club tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. William Lounsbury of Laurel avenue, has returned to this city after a very enjoyable visit with friends in Stamford.

Mrs. I. DeVer Warner and son Ira who have been spending the past month at their winter home in Augusta, Ga., where young Mr. Warner was convalescing after a severe illness, have returned to their home on Park Place.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Edwards of Park Place, who have been on their wedding trip in the South for a month, have returned to this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barker and family of Coleman street, who have spent the winter in Savannah, Ga., are expected to return to their home very soon.

SHORT FUR COATS.

The price of pelts and the bottoms of the fur coats for fall are rising in exact proportion, says the Dry Goods Economist. Prices have soared and with them has departed from ten to 15 inches from the bottom of the coats, but coats they still are, nevertheless.

The manufacturer did not take the material he used for the 30-inch coat and make it into a cape that might have been a few inches longer for this reason. He knew that a woman would much rather say "I have a fur coat" even though it only came just below her waist.

KEEP MOSQUITOES AWAY.

Every two or three days take a wet rag or brush and go over the wire window screens with kerosene. This will prolong the life of the screen by preventing rust and will keep mosquitoes away.

To make a practical baby's bib take a dress shield, fold a small handkerchief diagonally over it, covering both sides. Have the points directly in the front and cut out the center of the handkerchief to fit the curve of the shield. Then finish the edge neatly, tack to the shield at the top, and add ribbons to tie around the neck.

How to "Forget Your Hands" In Graceful Beauty Ways

By LUCREZIA BORI

The Famous Spanish Prima Donna.

Do you wish to keep your hands from betraying the fact that you lack poise and self-possession? Then you must learn to forget that you have hands.

The nervous, fidgety woman who never knows what to do with her hands is at all times conscious of them, and in her efforts to make them less conspicuous she often only accentuates their prominence.

If you're conscious of your hands because of their unattractiveness, the first step is to remedy that condition. When their lack of beauty is due to

laces or bracelets, exert your will power to break yourself of this habit. If necessary, stop wearing your jewelry for a while so you will have a reminder not to do it unconsciously.

Some persons are so conscious of their hands when dressed in evening attire that it's almost painful to watch them nervously picking at the frocks tussling with their coiffures or twisting their handkerchiefs. I would suggest that such women carry something that their hands may be occupied a fan or a flower, for instance, until they've conquered their "nerves"



Carry a Fan with Party Frock.



Knitting Engages Hands Prettily.

neglect you should immediately give them the attention necessary to keep them attractive. If, however, old age is the cause of their unsightliness, double your efforts to restore them to their original beauty.

But when your hands are beautiful and yet you're uncomfortably conscious of them, it's simply a matter of nervousness, which will only require the exertion of a little will power to be totally overcome.

Lack of grace and repose where the hands are concerned is a common fault. Very few women know how to use their hands with that easy, unconscious grace which has ever been considered one of the evidences of refinement.

In these days of omnipresent knitting needles, the hands are more conspicuous than ever before. In addition to keeping them soft and smooth that the yarn may be easily handled it's necessary that the fingers be limber to insure deftness in the use of the needles.

You can make your fingers limber by exercising them. The expert pianist can show you the most wonderful results of diligent exercises performed by the fingers, and by following the exercises by which he trained his fingers you can win grace for yours. Here's how to do it:

Hold the hands slightly above a table and lower each finger until it touches the table, then raise it as high as possible, keeping the palm of the hand perfectly still. At first it won't be easy to move the fingers very far, but after a while you'll be surprised to see what progress you've made.

Learn the Delarcean movements. Relax your hands as loosely as possible and hold them in front of you. Then begin to shake the mass rapidly as if you were trying to shake your fingers off. Do this for 10 or 12 minutes every day, and you'll soon find that your fingers have become flexible.

If you've acquired the nervous habit of toying with your rings, neck-

Every woman would like to have pretty hands, and know how to use them with the unconscious grace that's a joy to the eyes. There's no need for any self-consciousness where the hands are concerned if a little thought and time is devoted to their care.

To remove wax from cloth hold a red hot iron within an inch or two of some blotting paper laid on the cloth over the marks.

When roasting or baking a piece of meat, skewer some thin meat over it. This saves the trouble of basting, prevents it from burning and flavors the meat nicely.

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